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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT
APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (37 C.F.R. § 43.31)**

Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated October 24, 2007, rejecting the following Claims 1-17. The fee for this Notice of Appeal under 37 CFR § 41.20(b)(1) is enclosed.

- Applicant claims small entity Status.
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- A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed.

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